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Southern California Metroplex
Status Update Letter**

This status update letter is to inform you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) intends to publish a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on June 10, 2015. The Draft EA will document FAA's analysis related to potential environmental impacts of the implementation of the Southern California Metroplex (SoCal Metroplex).

A "Metroplex" is a geographic area covering several airports serving major metropolitan areas. The intent of SoCal Metroplex is to improve the efficiency of the SoCal Metroplex airspace by optimizing aircraft arrival and departure procedures at a number of airports, including Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Burbank Bob Hope Airport (BUR), Long Beach Airport (LGB), Ontario International Airport (ONT), John Wayne Airport (SNA), Santa Monica Municipal Airport (SMO), Van Nuys Airport (VNY), Palm Springs International Airport (PSP), Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (SBA), and San Diego International Airport (SAN). The project may involve changes in aircraft flight paths and/or altitudes in certain areas, but would not require any ground disturbance or increase the number of aircraft operations within the Southern California Metroplex area.

Public participation is incorporated in the EA process. Public workshops will be conducted to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the project and to submit comments. The public workshops will be held during the 30 day public review and comment period for the Draft EA. Representatives from the FAA will be available during the workshops to provide information about the project. A schedule for the public workshops is provided in the table below. The public will have an opportunity to comment at one of the scheduled workshops and also electronically via email or via U.S. Mail.

June 16, 2015 Attend anytime between: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	McFadden Intermediate School Auditorium 2701 S. Raitt Street Santa Ana, CA 92704
June 17, 2015 Attend anytime between: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Santa Monica Public Library Multipurpose Room 601 Santa Monica Boulevard Santa Monica, CA 90401

June 18, 2015 Attend anytime between: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Proud Bird Restaurant Grand Ballroom West 11022 Aviation Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90045
June 22, 2015 Attend anytime between: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Logan Heights Library Community Room 567 S. 28th Street San Diego, CA 92113
June 23, 2015 Attend anytime between: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Palm Desert Library Community Room 73-300 Fred Waring Drive Palm Desert, CA 92260
June 24, 2015 Attend anytime between: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Ken Miller Auditorium 3341 Torrance Boulevard Torrance, CA 90503
June 25, 2015 Attend anytime between: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Beach High School Auditorium 3701 E. Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90815
June 29, 2015 Attend anytime between: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	E.P. Foster Library The Elizabeth R. Topping Room 651 E. Main Street Ventura, CA 93001
June 30, 2015 Attend anytime between: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	The Westside Neighborhood Center Auditorium 423 W. Victoria Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101
July 1, 2015 Attend anytime between: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Burbank Community Services Building Room 104 150 N. 3rd Street Burbank, CA 91502

The FAA will issue a Notice of Availability (NOA) notifying you the document is available for review. The NOA will be mailed to you just prior to the release. In addition, the FAA will publish a legal notice in major newspapers the day the document is available. On the date indicated in the NOA, you will be able to download a copy of the Draft EA on the project website: www.metroplexenvironmental.com.